

HUNTING-TRAPPING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 01-13-16

Issued at Douglas, Alaska
October 5, 2016

Effective Date: October 6, 2016

Expiration Date: 30 June 2017
(unless superseded by a subsequent
emergency order)

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the resident and nonresident goat hunting seasons in that area bounded by the East Fork of the Skagway River on the north side, Kasidaya Creek on the south side, Taiya Inlet, and the White Pass and Yukon Railroad on the west, and the Canadian border on the east, in Game Management Unit 1(D). This order takes effect at 11:59 pm, Thursday, October 6, 2016.

REGULATORY TEXT:

Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 85.040, HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR GOAT, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting goat in Unit 1(D):

Unit and Bag Limit	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(1) ...		
Unit 1(D), that area bounded by the East Fork of the Skagway River on the north side, Kasidaya Creek on the south side, Taiya Inlet, and the White Pass and Yukon RR on the west, and the Canadian border on the east.	Sept. 15–Oct. 5 (General hunt only)	Sept. 15– Oct. 5
1 goat by registration permit only.		
The remainder of Unit 1D mountain goat seasons, other than those previously closed by emergency order, are not affected by this emergency order.		

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to: Carl H. Koch
Carl H. Koch
Assistant Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Based on recent survey data, ADF&G established a guideline harvest objective of 1-2 points (male goats = 1 point, female goats = 2 points) for the area described above. Few goats, particularly kids, were found during September 7, 2015 (21 adults, 0 kids) and September 11, 2016 (39 adults, 3 kids) surveys. As of Tuesday morning, October 4, 2016 one female goat was reported harvested for a total of 2 points.

Because the guideline harvest level has been reached and any additional harvest may be detrimental to the sustainability and future harvest opportunity for this population, an emergency is being issued to close the mountain goat hunting season in this area. Those portions of Unit 1D not affected by this emergency order, and not previously closed by emergency order, will remain open until the harvest guidelines are reached or the seasons come to their scheduled conclusions. Biologists with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game encourage hunters to target male goats to allow for higher sustainable harvest.

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